

## FALLEN WHITE PINE (*Pinus strobus*)

43.5145 N, 72.1348 W

Look at the big white pine fallen to the west of the trail and notice the stump from which it has broken. Can you see why the tree broke so high up? Notice the rotten wood along the broken face and the hollow galleries bored by wood eating insects in the old dead wood. Something damaged the tree at the top of the stump and once the damaged area began to rot, the tree was weakened and eventually broke during a high wind.

Next look at the small maple that was shattered when the pine fell. Do you remember the humpbacked tree at the south end of the park? Can you imagine how this damaged maple might one day look much like the humpback tree?

Now look at the hollow sugar maple on the stream side of the trail. Are there any bats sleeping inside?